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Mr. Gregory F. Knapp is the Executive Director of the U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM), Joint Warfighting Center (JWFC), and Joint Training Directorate (J7), Suffolk, Virginia. Mr. Knapp's responsibilities include strategic management, programming, technical planning and management, program oversight, business and financial management, technical innovation and business process improvement for the various JWFC programs, including the Joint National Training Capability (JNTC), Coalition/Interagency Training, Immersive Training Programs, Irregular Warfare Training, the Joint Knowledge Development and Distribution Capability/Joint Knowledge Online (JKDDC/JKO), Information Operations (IO) Range and Virtual Integrated Support for the IO eNvironment program. He also leads the development of modeling and simulation, instrumentation, opposition force and other training systems to support joint warfighter training worldwide. Besides Mr. Knapp's strength in executive leadership and program management, he is considered a technology leader and innovator in systems engineering, system architectures, data integration, information technology, training systems, combat systems, and command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) integration.

Mr. Knapp is directly responsible for executive direction of JWFC's portfolio exceeding \$300M per year. He also is a principal executive in overseeing the Combatant Commander Exercise Engagement and Training Transformation account exceeding \$800M. Mr. Knapp serves as an advisor to the Defense Modeling and Simulation (M&S) Coordination Office Steering Committee, the Joint Test and Evaluation Advisory Board, the Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation and Education Conference Executive Committee, the Virginia M&S Advisory Council, the Board of Advisors for the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center, and Congressional M&S Leadership Summit's National M&S Research and Development/Technology Working Group. Mr. Knapp is a Talent Development Executive for the DoD Senior Leadership Development Program. He services as the pay pool manager overseeing 700 USJFCOM civilian employees.

Mr. Knapp has over 27 years' Civil Service experience. Early in his career, he established the first automated test programs for submarine combat systems, invented and developed numerous submarine combat systems trainers, led the development of over 2 million lines of software, and was the nation's lead for Submarine Combat Systems In-Service Engineering Support. He performed roles as NAVSEA Test Director for Combat System Acceptance Testing, Supervisor, Division Head, Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Transition Manager, and in a variety of acquisition and source selection roles.

Mr. Knapp was the principal engineer in establishing the JWFC as the first major Joint National Simulation Center and led the development information technology systems and the integration of the M&S capabilities into the operational C4ISR systems. He also pioneered distributed training for NATO and Partnership for Peace nations in support of building partner capacity. More recently, Mr. Knapp created and established the JNTC and the DoD acclaimed Training Transformation business model which has been extended to include over \$800M of Joint Training Enterprise resources. Mr. Knapp's initiative has been instrumental in growing the JWFC's budget responsibilities five-fold since 1994.

Mr. Knapp holds bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from Old Dominion University where he performed research in the area of high energy physics. He has been awarded a patent, numerous value engineering awards, four Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, and the Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his demonstration of exceptional leadership, program management and organizational skills. Mr. Knapp has also published dozens of articles and provided hundreds of presentations to industry, academia and government audiences worldwide. He is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III certified and has participated in contract actions with up to \$2B in net cost.